

Proposed Agreement between California Energy Commission and Utility Energy Forum

Title: Utility Energy Forum Co-Sponsorship
Amount: \$10,000.00
Term: 12 months
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Committee Meeting: 3/21/2011

Funding

FY	Program	Area	Initiative	Budget	This Project	Remaining Balance	
10	Electric	Buildings	Technology Innovations	\$5,464,200	\$10,000	\$3,198,934	59%

Recommendation

Approve this Co-Sponsorship agreement with Utility Energy Forum for \$10,000.00. Staff recommends placing this item on the consent calendar of the Commission Business Meeting.

Background

The Co-Sponsorship is for the 31st Annual Utility Energy Forum, will be held at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, CA from May 4 - 6, 2011. The Utility Energy Forum was established in 1980, and serves as the primary means of helping California utilities identify technologies and practices that can help their customers reduce energy use through energy efficiency and renewable technologies. The Forum sponsors a three-day annual conference which brings together key utility program managers, state and federal energy program managers, and energy researchers to discuss energy efficiency and renewable technologies and programs.

The forum consists of workshops, panels and speakers that address key energy efficiency and renewable energy issues and opportunities. This year, former Commissioner Jeffrey Byron will serve as a key note speaker and two Energy Commission Directors will speak on the Policy and Technical Panels. Over the past ten years, several divisions of the Energy Commission have been involved in organizing; participating and co-sponsoring the forum and have provided input into the agendas and served as panel chairs. This Forum has provided an opportunity for several CEC divisions to present valuable information during the conference. The Efficiency Division was able to highlight their recent and on-going focus with local governments and the Transportation and Fuels Division was able to update everyone on the ARRA process and outcomes. In the past, the Electricity Forecast Office was able to share their new data collection methods with the municipal utilities present.

Research Justification

This Co-Sponsorship will assist the Energy Commission with meeting its energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals as stated in the 2005 Energy Action Plan and the Integrated

Energy Policy Reports, including Zero Net Energy (ZNE) goals of the CPUC's Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan and Governor Brown's Clean Energy and Jobs Action Plan. Participation at the conference will reinforce the state's commitment toward these goals and provides an opportunity for Energy Commission staff to exchange information, ideas and resources with participants representing utilities, local, state and federal governments, building professions, innovators, researchers and investors. Other co-sponsors include Building Performance Institute, City of Palo Alto Utilities, California Energy Efficiency Industry Council and many others. The multiple panel sessions, key note speakers and networking, provide a great opportunity for Energy Commission staff to share information regarding new technologies that are ready for the marketplace and will inform the utilities of the possible technologies that they may offer as future incentives to their customers.